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Missouri State Library News

Voices in Autism

The Missouri State Library in partnership with the Monarch Center for Autism, presents the *Voices in Autism* series. Every month we will have a short 5-10 minute conversation highlighting different experiences with autism. This month our mini conversation continues from last month with Mandi Rickelman and Jenna Winkelman. Mandi Rickelman, MA, is the Director of the Welcoming Spaces Program at Monarch Center for Autism, *a division of Bellefaire JCB*. The Welcoming Spaces Program hopes to increase the number of community-based venues that are able to successfully meet diverse sensory processing needs, provide helpful communication outlets, and deliver predictability for a neurodivergent world. Jenna Winkelman, MA is an individual with Autism pursuing a PhD in Clinical Psychology. Her research interest has focused primarily on ways to diagnose trauma and PTSD in individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Jenna is also an advocate for both clients and herself, pushing through stereotypes of ASD and trying to create an acceptance versus an awareness of the disorder. This month's session is Awareness vs. Acceptance, to hear this conversation please click here. If you have a program you would like to promote or have a representative from the State Library attend, please reach out to Merideth Johnson at (573) 751-1822 or merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov.

Brooklyn Public Library's Library Card Study

In 2023, with funding from the Mellon Foundation, the Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) launched a research project to collect and study cardholder signup policies from public libraries across the nation. Research findings have been summarized in a report made available to the library field beginning spring 2024.

Using these findings, BPL will convene a diverse working group of public library leaders in spring/summer of 2024 to develop a policy framework of guiding principles and best practices for cardholder registration. The overall goal is to provide public library staff, leaders, boards and community stakeholders with the tools to have informed conversations about cardholder signup policies that align with the library profession's stated values of access and intellectual freedom.

The report and an interactive dashboard of the collected data is available at Library Card Study. WebJunction is hosting the webinar, Cardholder Signup Policies, on May 22 for a discussion about the inspiration for this study, how the research was conducted, and key findings and takeaways using data from more than 1,800 public libraries across the United States.

Public Libraries Respond to the Opioid Crisis with Their Communities

The opioid epidemic was declared a national public health emergency in 2017, and the situation worsened due to the 2020 COVID pandemic. Provisional data from the CDC National Health Statistics Center show that from September 2020 to September 2023, opioid overdose deaths in the US increased by 19%, from 88,879 to 105,303. As community anchor institutions, public libraries are leveraging their assets in response to this crisis.

To aid staff at public libraries in determining how their library can address opioid use disorder in their community, WebJunction has developed the "Opioid Crisis Support Kit for Public Libraries." This resource will help strengthen libraries—and, more broadly, the communities they serve—as the nation continues to struggle with the opioid crisis.

The Support Kit was tested by staff in 15 public libraries across the US and enhanced by their feedback. The content includes pragmatic strategies, tools, and other resources to help libraries—including those in rural areas—as they determine their specific communities' needs and define the roles and activities their library is most suited to carry out. The kit will help libraries assess their staff strengths and capacity, identify key partners with whom to collaborate or coordinate, and plan and implement programming and services that support local needs.

The "Opioid Crisis Support Kit for Public Libraries" is in Word document format, so that you can save your work, thoughts and ideas. There are videos, readings, and activities specific to library work that you can learn from and explore.

Join Webjunction on May 16, for a free webinar to learn more about the Support Kit, how it was created, and how to use it. You'll also hear from library staff who participated in the early testing and who were able to implement new programs to meet local needs.

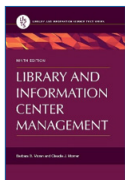## Reference Services for YOU: Audio Visual Government Documents

Government documents are usually associated with written reports and online databases, but government information comes in various formats, including video and podcasts! Many government agencies create high-quality, informative videos and podcasts to share information about their programs, projects and relevant topics with the public.

- Nature's Calling Videos: A Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) video series providing updates on outdoor activities. It also offers educational videos about wildlife, recreation and tips for landowners.

- MoDOT Minute: A video digest of transportation headlines, features and interviews on important Missouri transportation news.

- Nature Boost Podcast: MDC podcast exploring health benefits, wildlife viewing, outdoor recreation and conservation stories.
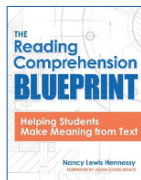
- GAO Watchdog Report: The Government Accountability Office's (GAO) podcast features interviews with GAO officials about significant issues and news reports.

- Before, During & After: A podcast designed for emergency managers from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with insight and conversations regarding emergency preparation.

- Science in Seconds: The National Institute of Health (NIH) weekly roundup of their research news in a short video series.

- GSA Does That!?: An agency-wide U.S. General Service Administration (GSA) podcast highlighting GSA projects and their impacts.

Questions? Contact Reference Services at (573) 751-3615, libref@sos.mo.gov or mostate.libguides.com.

Books from the State Library

Library and Information Center Management

The Reading Comprehension Blueprint

Information Issues for Older Americans

Beyond the Information Commons

Discover Library Professional Development titles as well as recorded webinars, government publications and more on the Missouri Library Staff Guide.

State Library Catalog Migration Update

The launch date for our new catalog is approaching! For library directors with a State Library card, the last day to request materials online through the current State Library catalog was May 5. Online requesting will be unavailable from May 6 through May 21. To check out any books during the hiatus, please email libref@sos.mo.gov. Additional information will be posted to the Missouri Library Staff Guide. A step-by-step tutorial and training opportunities on the use of our new catalog will be available once it goes live. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition. If you have any questions, please contact Reference Services by phone, email or chat. We are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. — 5 p.m.
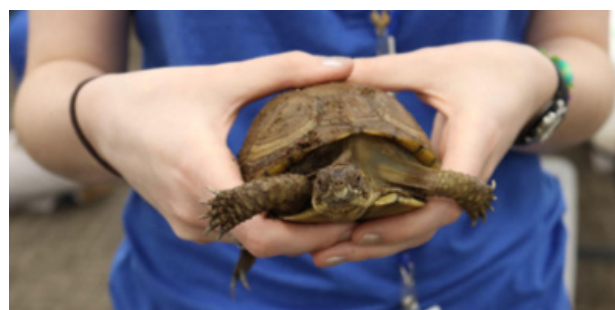
Around the State

Jefferson County Library

"Dive In: Exploring the World of Water."

Patrons enjoyed an aquatic adventure throughout the month of March at Jefferson County Library (JCL) through the district-wide promotion "Dive In: Exploring the World of Water." "JCL staff poured a tremendous amount of effort into 'Dive In,'" said Library Services and Outreach Coordinator Cole Sawyer. "And it paid off. We saw a 26% increase in program attendance compared to our last promotion, 'Let Freedom Read' in October. I am so happy our patrons found a wealth of opportunity to learn, play, and explore the world of water throughout the month of March." Highlights included an interactive seminar about "Who Messed Up the Mississippi?" by the Mastodon State Historic Site, a "Wave of Change" created from recycled objects, and a visit from the St. Louis Aquarium, which drew 163 people across three branches. In total, JCL staff planned 58 programs and activities for the promotion.

"Personally, I thoroughly enjoyed attending the 'Fishing for Beginners' class at the Arnold branch," Sawyer said. "Now, I'm eager to grab

Painting jellyfish at JCL-Cedar Hill

An aquatic visitor (a box turtle!) at JCL Windsor

a fishing pole soon—they're available at our Northwest, Windsor and Arnold branches." Prizes included bracelets tracking live sea animals around the world, as well as $100 gift certificates to places like the St. Louis Zoo, an →

adventure company and more. The district-wide promotions began in 2022, as a way to highlight the unity of the library district and celebrate together. Previous themes have included Women's History Month, "pARTy: Celebrate the Arts", "Money Smart," and more. Staff are currently planning for the next promotion, "Mysteries in the Stacks," which takes place in May to honor the birthday of Arthur Conan Doyle.

ScannX Book ScanCenter

In a step toward the library's vision to be "a hub of tradition and innovation, cultural preservation and promotion, and equitable access," the Genealogy Department of the Northwest Branch of the Jefferson County Library has acquired a ScannX Book ScanCenter through a Library Services and Technology Act grant. "In the brief time we've had it, it has become an invaluable tool with usage versatility beyond our expectations," said Ginger Brickey, head of the Genealogy and Local History Department at Jefferson County Library. The scanner enables the digitization of materials through a process designed to prevent the physical damage that a typical scanner can incur. The scanner's V-shaped cradle holds the book open at an angle, mimicking the way a book naturally lays open and thus minimizing stress on the book's spine and pages. Its high-resolution image sensors and adjustable settings capture clear images without the deteriorating effects of bright light and heat from traditional scanners or photocopiers. "We have the most extensive genealogy collection in Jefferson County, so it's crucial that we maintain our historical resources while ensuring accessibility for researchers locally and beyond," said Cole Sawyer, Library Services and Outreach Coordinator. "With the integration of technology, we're thrilled to enhance our capabilities in fulfilling these vital purposes." Library users can send images electronically, archive for online viewing, and

print physical copies." Acquiring this book scanner has been a tremendous leap forward to providing our staff and visitors with the most up-to-date archiving and data-saving technology," Brickey said. "I am excited to build public programs around its use."

This project is a coordinated effort of the Genealogy Department, Northwest Branch Manager, IT Network Administrator, Accounting Department and Assistant Director for Library Services. This project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the LSTA as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

If you have a program that you'd like spotlighted in Show Me Express, please contact Merideth Johnson at 573-751-1822 or merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov.

Grant Opportunities

Educational Presenter Grant · Deadline: Ongoing

This open-call grant is a combination of the previously offered Author Visit Grant and the Bicentennial Programs Grant, and will replace the two separate grants. Libraries can apply to bring an author or educational presentation to their community. This application is open to Missouri public libraries certified to receive FY24 state aid, Missouri school libraries publicly supported and publicly controlled, and Missouri academic libraries supported publicly or privately.

Art Resources Transfer Library Program

This program distributes free books about modern and contemporary art to public institutions nationwide. Public libraries, schools, prisons, and reading centers in underserved communities are eligible to order free books from the Art Resources Transfer catalog.

Jan Stauber-Sherlock Holmes Literacy Grant

The mission of the Jan Stauber grants is to provide needed financial assistance to persons and organizations developing literacy programs and other educational experiences that will introduce young people to Sherlock Holmes. Educators or librarians can be awarded up to $1,000 for a project that encourages young people to read and introduces them to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories. Libraries can apply for a grant here.

Kentucky Fried Wishes

Non-profit organizations can apply for a $10,000 grant to fund an actionable project on their wish list related to improving health and wellbeing, empowering through education and training, and other project categories. In 2024, the KFC Foundation will award up to $1 million to 100 non-profit organizations to make their Kentucky Fried Wishes come true.

Pilcrow Foundation's Children's Book Project Program Grant

The Pilcrow Foundation, a national non-profit public charity, provides a 2-to-1 match to rural public libraries that receive a grant through its Children's Book Project and contribute $200-$400 through a local sponsor for the purchase of up to $1,200 worth (at retail value) of new, quality, hardcover children's books. Pilcrow Foundation provides a list of over 500 quality hardcover children's books from which Children's Book Project grant recipients can select books best suited for their community. The book list includes award-winning and star-reviewed titles from educational and literary organizations.

Rural Technology Fund Grants

Rural Technology Fund provides grants for rural technology education projects and assistive technology projects. Rural technology education projects are designed to help spark student interest in technology-based careers like 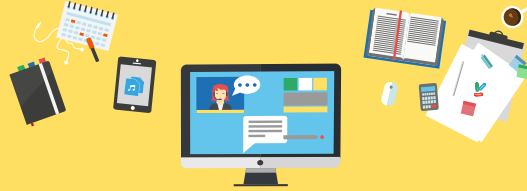computer science, computer engineering, information technology, programming, cyber security, robotics or similar areas. Assistive technology projects are for assistive technology equipment to increase accessibility for students with disabilities in public schools and libraries. Average grants range from $500-$2,500.

[T-Mobile Hometown Grants](#)

T-Mobile is investing $25M in 500 rural towns over 5 years to jumpstart projects and build stronger communities. These grants can be used to help upgrade tech at your local library, revitalize historic buildings and more. Elected officials, town managers/employees, tribal leaders, or nonprofit community leaders from small towns with population less than 50,000 can [apply](#).

Professional Development Offerings

Amigos Library Services

Trainings include:

- Excellence in Library Services to Older Adults, May 8, 2 — 4 p.m.
- Know & Go: The Shifting Stacks: Digital Horizons and Future Forecasts for Libraries, May 20, 1:30 — 2:30 p.m.

For the complete training list, visit the [Amigos Continuing Education Services Schedule](#).

MALA (Mid-America Library Alliance)

Trainings include:

- Sharing is Caring: Hosting a Swap at Your Library, May 8, 10 — 11 a.m.
- Romance Readers' Advisory, May 14, 10 — 11 a.m.

For the complete training list, visit the [MALAPro Professional Development Schedule](#).

MOREnet

Trainings include:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) Primer, May 15, 10 — 11 a.m.
- Rosen's Life Skills Toolkit, May 15, 3:30 — 4 p.m.

For the complete training list, visit the [MOREnet Training Schedule](#).

Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM)

Trainings include:

- Beyond Borders: Understanding Oldways Heritage Diets and Reducing Health Disparities, May 21, 3 — 4 p.m.

For the complete training list, visit the [NNLM Training](#).

Niche Academy

Trainings include:

- Conflict Management and De-escalation, May 15, 3 — 4 p.m.
- Create Engaging Training Videos with Your Smartphone, June 5, 3 — 4 p.m.

For the complete training list, visit the [Niche Academy Upcoming Webinars](#).

Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC)

Trainings include:

- Surface Cleaning Techniques for Paper-Based Materials: A "Hands-On" Webinar, June 4, 1:30 — 2:30 p.m.

For the complete training list, visit the NEDCC Current Training Programs.

WebJunction

Trainings include:

- Supporting Healthy Communities: Public Library Responses to the Opioid Crisis, May 16, 4 — 5 p.m.

- Cardholder Signup Policies: Access in Practice, May 22, 4 — 5 p.m.

For the complete training list, visit the WebJunction Webinar Calendar. Create a free account to access webinar archives and training in the WebJunction Course Catalog.

Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft

John R. (Jay) Ashcroft is Missouri's 40th secretary of state. Each year Secretary Ashcroft travels to all of Missouri's 114 counties to talk with local officials, students, library executives, and business owners to promote Missouri and learn how he can help make Missouri even better.

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